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SUBJECT: LUNS VISIT TO WASHINGTON: PRESS RELEASE

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1. AT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIATIVE, NATO PRESS SERVICE
RELEASED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT AT 1200 SEPTEMBER 9:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, DR. JOSEPH LUNS
IS TODAY LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON WHERE HE WILL HOLD A SERIES OF
MEETINGS THIS WEEK WITH SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE US ADMINISTRATION
AND CONGRESS ON PRESSING ISSUES AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE
ALLIANCE AND OF ITS SOUTH-EASTERN FLANK IN PARTICULAR.
THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S TALKS WILL ALSO FOCUS ON THE PROBLEMS
RAISED BY THE PRESENT STATE OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS AS
WELL AS ON THE QUESTION OF RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN ARMS SHIPMENTS
TO TURKEY. THIS REFLECTS HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE COLLECTIVE
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DEFENSE STRENGTH OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
END QUOTE

2. IN ADDITION TO QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO THE SECRETARY GENERAL WILL

BE TALKING TO IN WASHINGTON, WE EXPECT PRESS QUERIES WILL FOCUS
ON WHETHER THE USG INVITED HIM TO COME AND WHETHER
IT WAS OUR INITIATIVE TO ELICIT HIS HELP IN PRESENTING CASE TO
CONGRESS ON LIFTING EMBARGO OF ARMS TO TURKEY. PENDING GUIDANCE
FROM THE DEPARTMENT, WE PLAN TO SAY, IF ASKED, THAT THE SECRETARY
GENERAL IS TRAVELLING ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY: AND THAT, WHILE WE
DO NOT YET HAVE A LIST OF THE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE WILL BE
MEETING, THE USG WELCOMES, OF COURSE, THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT
WITH THE SYG ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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